चलाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसे कब तक चला दिये जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ग) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर "न" हो तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

परिवहन मंत्री (श्री बंसी लाल) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) संसाधनों की कमी के कारण ।

अजगैबी महादेव घाट की तीर्थयात्रा पर जाने वाले यात्रियों के लिए रेल-सुविधाएं

*31. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :**

डा. बापू कालदाते :

क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि श्रावण मास में विभिन्न स्थानों से प्रतिदिन लगभग एक लाख तीर्थयात्री सुल्तानगंज स्थित अजगैबी महादेव घाट पर आते है और स्नान करते है तथा वहां से जल लेकर 10 मील दूर स्थित देवघर जाते है परन्तु इतना होते हुए भी रेलवे विभाग द्वारा कोई गाड़ी नहीं चलाई जाती;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार तीर्थ-यात्रियों के लिए कोई रेल गाड़ी चलाने का विचार रखती है?

परिवहन मंत्री (श्री बंसी लाल) : (क) और (ख) सुल्तानगंज और वैद्यनाथधाम (देवघर) के बीच की दूरी लगभग 100 कि.मी. है और ये सीधे सड़क मार्ग द्वारा जुड़े हुए है रेल मार्ग से नहीं । रेल लाइन से क्यूल और जसीडीह के रास्ते सुल्तानगंज और वैद्यनाथधाम के बीच की दूरी लगभग 180 कि.मी. है। चूंकि रेल यात्रा चक्करदार है और इसमें अधिक समय लगता है, इसलिए लोग सुल्तानगंज से वैद्यनाथधाम तक सड़क द्वारा यात्रा करना पसन्द करते है । इसके अलावा, तीर्थयात्री पवित्र जल पैदल ले जाना पसन्द करते है ।

(ग) जी, नहीं ।

Purchase of Westland helicopters

*32. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the deal for the purchase of Westland helicopters;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard alongwith number of helicopters; and

(c) the purpose for which the above helicopters are likely to be put?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) An agreement has been signed between the Helicopter Corporation of India and M/s Westland Helicopters Ltd. of the U.K. on the 15th of March, 1986.

(b) The main features of the agreement are:-

(1) Westland will supply a total package containing 21 Westland 30 Series 100-60 helicopters to an agreed equipment standard, together with necessary Spare Goods, Engine Spare goods and Product Support.

(2) The total fixed and firm price of the package is £ 65 million.

(3) Finance for this project amounting to £ 65 million is being provided by a grant aid from the Government of the U. K.

(4) The delivery of helicopters will commence in May 1986 and the last helicopter will be delivered in February, 1988.

(5) M/s. Westland will provide a lumpsum payment of £ 10 million to be used as an Operating Subsidy.

(6) Spares and replacements will be provided for the entire life cycle of the helicopters.

(7) Training will be provided.

(c) These helicopters will, *inter-alia*, be used to cater to the requirements of the Oil Sector, operate scheduled/non-scheduled services in inaccessible areas and difficult terrains, provide intra-city transportation and to operate tourist charters.

Admission in The Kendriya Vidyalaya in Bihar

*33. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several students got their names registered in 1985-86 for admission in different classes in the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Chakradharpur in Bihar;

(b) whether the Vidyalaya authorities have followed the rules in the selection of students and their records maintained;

(c) whether priority has been given to students belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes for admission to various classes; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) The position is being ascertained from the Vidyalaya.

(c) and (d) 15 per cent and 7½ per cent seats in Class I in every Kendriya Vidyalaya are reserved for children of transferable employees belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively. Out of the total of 35 students admitted in Class I in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Chakradharpur (Bihar) in 1985-86, 5 belonged to the Scheduled Castes which meets the prescribed quota. Only two students belonging to Scheduled Tribes applied for admission and they were admitted.

Plight of trained merchant navy personnel

*34. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Times of India of the 20th March, 1986 to the effect that about a hundred unemployed second mate officers of the Indian Merchant Navy met the Minister of State in the Department of Surface Transport explaining their plight of not being given jobs by the Merchant Navy after they had completed training etc.; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what remedial measures Government have taken to give them relief?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) In view of the acute problem of the unemployed cadets a decision has been taken that Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. may fill up vacancies of fourth officers on their ships or a part thereof depending upon the operational requirement and exceptional circumstances justifying filling up of vacant posts keeping in view the extant instructions issued by the Goernment in filling vacant posts. Director General (Shipping) has also been asked to persuade private shipping companies to fill up vacant posts of fourth officers on their ships.